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Elba utility users facing increase in electric and water rates before summer arrives

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board faced some unwelcome news at their last monthly meeting. Elba Mayor James Grimes, who also serves as Superintendent of the utility, noted that the recently completed annual audit recommended the board look at increasing utility rates. The cost of electricity alone last year increased \$100,000 over the previous year, and for about the same amount of electricity. Grimes noted that Elba has not had an electric rate increase since 1981.

Grimes noted that surrounding utilities have already increased rates above that presently being charged by Elba.

The recommended increase being considered by the board would see all classes of electric rates increase. Residential minimums would increase from \$4.00 to \$8.00 and the KWH charge would increase from .065¢ to .068¢, but with an accompanying elimination of the fuel adjustment charge, unless there was a huge jump in this added fee from the wholesale supplier. There are 1380

residential customers and an average increase of \$8.28 per month will net the utility an estimated \$128,000.

Small commercial service would increase from .07¢ per KWH to .71¢ with the same increase in basic flat rate from \$4 to \$8. There are 304 customers in this category and they use an average of 2347 kwhs. Their billing would increase an average of \$11.84 per month.

Large commercial users are on a three rate sliding scale and each of these would also increase, but the demand rate on these customers would not increase. There are 37 customers in this category. They use an average of 16,500 kwhs. Their billing would increase an average of \$49.50 per month.

The three industrial users in Elba would also see an increase under the recommended proposal, but here also the demand charge would not increase.

An increase in security light monthly charges is recommended. The increase would be from \$5.00 a month to \$6.95 a month.

Some classes of water rates are also being considered for rate increases, but residential

customers would escape this increase under the proposal being considered. Financial reports continue to show the utility losing money on water sales. Grimes said studies have shown that only the large volume users, who now get water for as low as 80¢ per thousand gallons, should see the increase. Board members were told that it cost the utility over a dollar per gallon to pump the water out of the ground. Only about 40 customers use over 20,000 gallons per month and only 12 or 15 of those would face these increased water rates.

Board members took the recommendations under advisement and will discuss the matter further at a later meeting. Grimes got the board's approval to look into a method of allowing residential customers to average their monthly bill over a 12 month period, thus avoiding the peak bills during extreme weather months.

Monthly expense bills totaling \$39,400.55 were approved for payment.

Members of the utility board are Chairman Tim Johnson, L. M. Burch, David Bandstra, Mickey Mudlock and Ronnie Hammond.

Elba School Board faces staff and other cuts to meet statewide proration accounting mandates

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board members heard first hand what they had been hearing and reading from the statewide news reports concerning proration of education funds. Superintendent Danny Weeks reviewed the ongoing financial situation and gave predictions on what would be necessary to survive the 6.2% proration mandated by Governor

Don Siegelman.

Weeks said that 100 of the 128 school systems in Alabama will have to borrow money to weather the crisis. Elba, which had already borrowed operating money this year, will see state funds cut by \$32,828 a month for the remainder of the fiscal year. This income drop, coupled with the slowdown in the economy and related sales tax drop,

means any hopes of repaying the \$175,000 already borrowed this year are lost dreams.

He said that the Elba system will have to look carefully at some of the programs. "Instructional programs are top priority in my book - we will have to cut in other areas", the superintendent said to board members. He said that textbook money can be used to fight proration and evaluation is underway to determine the absolute need of new textbooks for the coming year. "Kindergarten and grades one and two are the most critical. With the use of the Internet and our extensive library, the upper grades can absorb much of this shortfall - at least for now," Weeks suggested as one way to ease the pain of

Long-time county school board member Joyce Barksdale dies

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County School Board lost a dedicated member Sunday in the death of Mrs. Joyce Barksdale.

Mrs. Barksdale, who represented District 6 on the board, was in the third year of her second six-year term. She was elected to the board in November of 1992. She was also Enterprise's Woman of the Year in 1992.

During the last few months, Mrs. Barksdale had been having physical difficulties, but she never failed to keep informed as to the workings of the county school system. She had also missed very few meetings; in fact, she was in attendance at the last board meeting held on February 1, 2001.

"Mrs. Barksdale will be missed immensely," said Rodger Bowden, Superintendent of Coffee County Schools.

"Her heart was always in the right place and she was a wonderful Christian lady," commented Bowden. "She never made a decision that she didn't feel was best for the kids."

Bowden's sentiments were echoed by Charles Walker, chairman of the Coffee County Board of Education.

"What stood out about Mrs. Barksdale was that she was a Christian lady and everybody loved her," said Walker. "As a board member, she always had the students' welfare and safety at heart, and also wanted the academic status of the schools at its best."

"Joyce was a good board member. She always had the interest of the system at heart - she didn't have her own personal agenda or anything but looked



Joyce Barksdale

after the interest of the students and the employees."

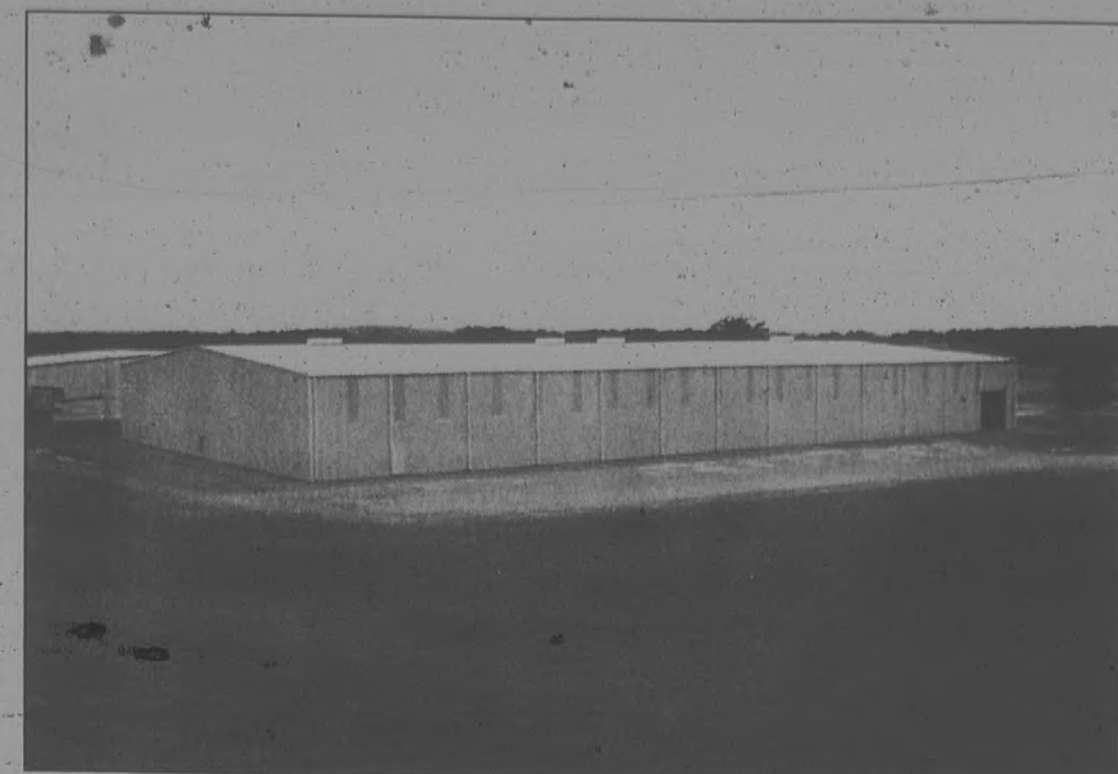
Walker said Mrs. Barksdale, in making her decisions, always looked at the whole picture and how the entire system would be affected.

"She was a very active board member, and she will be missed," Walker added.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Barksdale Tuesday morning at the First Baptist Church of Enterprise. She was buried in Boaz, AL, where she came from to Enterprise.

In the very near future, it will be up to the remaining board members to appoint an individual to serve the remainder of Barksdale's term on the board. In the event they fail to do so, the state superintendent will make the appointment.

Although it is not stipulated that a person from the district be appointed, Walker feels that will be the case. The board will appoint an individual from District 6 to serve the remaining three years of Mrs. Barksdale's term.



READY FOR OCCUPANTS...The new "speculative building" located in Elba's Industrial Park is very near completion and is ready to be occupied. The building was constructed under the guidance of the Elba Industrial Board. It is an all metal building containing 39,488 square feet of floor space and is well insulated. The building will be marketed through the Elba Economic Development Board with assistance from the Alabama Development Office and the marketing services of Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC). The industrial park is conveniently located near the airport and the spec building is on approximately 10 acres of that park. There is plenty of room for expansion. A perspective on the size of the building can be gained by looking at the picture on page 11. For more information contact Kaye Whitworth at (334)897-3125 or (334)897-1700 or call toll free 1-800-279-8015.

Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Governor Don Siegelman has proclaimed this week, February 19-23, as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Alabama.

The Coffee County Commission and the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency join the National Weather Service, the American Red Cross, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the State Department of Education in asking for the public's help in spreading information about severe weather and how it impacts the state.

Alabama is one of the hardest hit states in the nation by severe weather. Each year, individuals face the hardship caused by severe weather. Alabama's main severe weather season in 2000 was relatively calm. However, the year ended with an explosion and on a record setting note

with a series of twisters on December 16, 2000.

The tornadoes that struck that day included a category F-4 tornado that killed 11 people in Tuscaloosa County. Other tornado events in recent years include the tragic Jefferson County tornado that struck Jopka and Arde in February 1995. All are grim reminders of the force of severe weather in Alabama.

The following facts point to need for preparedness:

Throughout the week, educational focus will be placed on tornadoes, flooding and flash flooding. Thunderstorms and lightning will also be addressed. On Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001, a statewide tornado drill was scheduled. Locally, all warning sirens located throughout the county were to be sounded at

last year. Since 1990, lightning has killed 16 people and injured 197 across the state.

In an average year, lightning will claim more victims than that of tornadoes or hurricanes. There were no flash flood-related deaths or injuries occurring in the 20 flash flood events of 2000. In the past nine years, 34 people have died because of flooding in Alabama.

Severe thunderstorm wind reached damaging force at least 416 times in 2000 and caused millions of dollars in damage. Three deaths were recorded in 2000 and 12 people were injured by thunderstorm winds.

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Area Happenings

CHAMBER SPONSORS CLEAN UP DAY The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a team clean up day to be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, in order to continue the beautification project and the general cleaning of the square. This event will begin at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse. All civic groups, business organizations, churches, school clubs and any other interested volunteers are asked to sponsor a team in order to make this event a big success. Lunch will be provided at the Dairy Queen at 12 Noon. Please call the chamber office at 897-3125 by Friday, Feb. 23, to sign up and give the name of the team's captain.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, February 26, 2001, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING The Coffee County Department of Human Resources Foster Parent Association will have its monthly meeting Monday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the DHR conference room in Enterprise. For further information contact Anita Grimes at 348-2044.

HOSPICE CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP Community Care Hospice will sponsor the Community Care Hospice Caregivers Support Group beginning Wednesday, Feb. 28. The group will meet the fourth Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Citizens Bank Community Room in Enterprise. The support group is open to all caregivers, not only those of Community Care Hospice.

FREE TAX PREPARATION FOR SENIORS Free tax preparation and counseling for seniors age 60 and older and their spouses with middle and low income is available from AARP Tax-Aide. Unemployed Dorsey employees can take advantage of this free tax service. Call the Elba Senior Center to make an appointment for either Monday or Thursday, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., each week until April 15. For further information, call toll free 1-888-AARPNOW or visit the AARP website at www.aarp.org/taxaide for further information.



BWARE OF FUNNY MONEY...Area merchants and the general public should be on the lookout for counterfeit \$10 and \$20 bills. Several of these bills have been passed at local businesses in the past few days. Pictured below are front views of each of the confiscated bills. On the \$10 bill there is a possibility other bills will bear the same serial number as the one pictured above. This may also be true on the \$20. In examining the \$10, when held up to the light, the front is very noticeably out of line with the back. The texture of the paper used on both bills is noticeably "slicker" than on the real thing. It is easier to determine if the \$20 is counterfeit because when it is held up to the light, the bar code is not present nor is the silhouette of Andrew Jackson present in the lower right-hand side of the bill. The printing on both bills will smear when dampened. Anyone coming into possession of the counterfeit bills should contact local law enforcement immediately. If possible, take note of the person passing the bill and/or the tag number of the vehicle he or she is driving.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Bill Clinton says he didn't issue the pardon for the fugitive who has spent the past 15 years in Europe to elude American courts and/or jails and whose (ex)wife gave many, many dollars to various Clinton funds because of any of the above. He even wrote an op-ed page article in the New York Times Sunday. But this is the same Bill Clinton who denied lying when caught with an intern in the oval office. . . . remember - "It is according to how you define 'is'." It is doubtful that anything but more Congressional hearings will come out of this latest flap, but America hasn't heard the last embarrassment from Bill and Hillary Clinton. Heck, she might drop, and break, a couple of pieces of all that fancy china they took with them when leaving the White House and demand the taxpayers replace them because the pieces were "flawed" and we owe it to them because. . . well, just because.

This week it was necessary for yours truly to visit the lab at Elba General for some blood work. While watching the lab tech open the kit, the thought was that the request for blood had been made by a bunch of vampires! There appeared to be a bushel basket of blood vials in that box, but it turned out to be just four and they were not half gallon milk jugs as it appeared at first blush. If you are getting the opinion that getting stuck by needles is less than pleasing in this corner, then you are correct. However, when you realize that a slight prick from a needle might help a family member live, most folks will belly up to the bar and be thankful for the chance to help. Then too, we hope there is someone out there to help us if and when needed.

The Lions pancake breakfast is set for Saturday morning, March 3. They don't advertise this, but all their food is completely calorie free! That includes the pancakes, the syrup, the butter, meat. . . . all of it. Well, maybe that isn't true, but we will see you at the breakfast table and if you are troubled by the calories, eat a light supper the night before and maybe even skip the noon meal Saturday.

There is a sale now on the paper for a nice metal building the Coffee County Commission is selling on Monday. It will sell to the highest bidder so if you need (or just want) such a building, this might be the bargain of your lifetime. If you want the building, but are determined not to pay more than a certain amount, remember this is a bid sale and you can just bid what it is worth to you and let the chips fall where they may. Either way, remember that we told you about the opportunity and it is up to you from now on.

The news this week included political types complaining about the high cost of energy. Well, actually what sticks out in our mind most is an Alabama legislator complaining that the Public Service Commission allowed the utilities to pass on wholesale rate increases to retail consumers. Now in case you are wondering about our position on this. . . . that is a dumb position for one of our leaders to take. Everyone has already seen what that kind of narrow minded thinking has just done in California. Of course it will get graves from the general public that is not thinking about the long range impact. . . . they are just thinking about paying this month's utility bill. However, a leader is supposed to lead and inform. . . not just play to the popular vote. Will someone please explain this to Representative Alvin Holmes.

A lot of people in Elba remember Mrs. Vonelle Johnson Nelson Shealy. She died recently at age 95 and her will left \$7.4 million for cancer research at the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

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From the Desk of:

State Representative Terry Spicer

House Members Pass Constitutional Revisions

House members took the first step to bring Alabama into the 21st Century by passing bills that revise Article I and II of the State Constitution yesterday. "We have made this project a priority in this session by moving these bills out of the House early," states Representative Terry Spicer (D - Elba). "If this body is serious about improving the lives of all Alabamians by investing in education reform and economic development, then we have to get serious about rewriting our archaic constitution."

House Bill 63 addresses Article I, which outlines Alabama citizens' Declaration of Rights. House Bill 64 removes Article II, which defined state boundaries and is no longer needed. These two articles are considered to be among the least controversial of the 18 articles in the document. Representative Jack Venable (D - Tallapoosa) introduced the same bills last session in an effort to rewrite the full Constitution one article at a time. Both revised articles passed the House, but died in the Senate.

"Our current constitution is rigid and limiting in many areas such as collecting and spending revenues, power sharing between state and local governments, and individual rights," explains Representative Venable. "The sooner we address these problems, the sooner Alabama can compete nationally on economic and educational terms."

The current Constitution is the Wiregrass United Way announces 2000 Campaign results

Caring Community by Community was the theme of the 2000 Wiregrass United Way campaign. The Wiregrass United Way has just reached the \$2,000,000 of its \$2,235,000 goal. While we have not reached the stretch goal set at the beginning of the campaign, we are excited that we have reached a level of pledging comparable to the prior year. Many factors have affected the overall outcome. Knowing that the economy and weather conditions have played a critical part in the response, the Wiregrass United Way remains the most powerful way for people to strengthen and support their local families and agencies within Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties.

The Wiregrass United Way wants to extend its sincere appreciation for the hard work of volunteers and contributors throughout this campaign. "Without the support of those who have given their time and money, the United Way could not lend a hand to those in need. We feel very fortunate to have completed this campaign with such success. While our exact goal was not reached, we far exceeded expectations and proudly met our desire for raising \$2,000,000 to the end of the year 2000."

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, February 12, 2001, investigated the following incidents: one recovery of stolen property; one harassment, one menacing, one criminal mischief, two thefts of property, one criminal mischief, one missing person, one tree damage to a vehicle, one AWOL, and one suicide threat.

The following arrests were made: one on a fugitive from justice warrant and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one of reckless driving, two for no driver's license, six for no insurance, eleven for speeding, one for driver's license not in possession, one for a switched tag, two for no driver's license, and two for expired driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - River stage - 5:13 (6:33 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - River stage - 4:85 (6:43 a.m.); Disturbance reported in Hardwood parking lot (11:30 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to Elba Texaco (10:23 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - River stage - 4:56 (6:15 a.m.); Possible burglary reported on Claxton Avenue (1:44 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - River stage - 4:39 feet (6 a.m.); Loud music reported on Caroline Street (10:54 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - Alarm at a residence on Deal Street (3:42 a.m.); River stage - 4:27 feet (6:45 a.m.); Routine activity.

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Rep. Terry Spicer

Alabama's 6th, ratified in 1901. With its 18 articles and more than 700 amendments, it is the longest in the nation. During the 2000 elections, 50 amendments were added. Of those, only 14 were statewide issues, the others were local issues of some kind. With the first two articles on their way

to the Senate, House members look to possibly tackle other articles later in the session. "I understand that revisions of the articles that deal with corporations and banking are underway," explains Representative Spicer. "Each revision that passes is a step towards helping Alabama grow."

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period February 12, 2001, through February 18, 2001. They were: Charles Caldwell, Paula Boswell, Sara Chandler, Cheyenne Flowers, Doug Armstrong, Zedie Johnson, Derrick Hill, Janet Westberry, Martha Graham, Julene Phillips, Brenda Nelson, Christopher Maulden, Barbara Dennis, Jennifer Ware, Sheila Bass, Asia Lane, Ruth Mack, George Bryan, Pearl Culver, H. R. Davis, Alexia Champion, Cleo Livingston, Stacy Nelson, Brenna Nelson, Lola Thomas, Kaitlyn Kyles, Bonnie Allen, Beatrice Canley, Cory Stanford, Terry Chandler, Patsy

Lee, Janet Carayon, and Anthony Parrish. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Ella Hudson, Betty Sams, Shawana Adams, Juvana Adams, Charles Blue, Dennis McWaters, Mary Sasser, Barbara Truitt, Mary Blue, Dennis McWaters, Sara Chandler, Zedie Johnson, Missy Chandler, Paula Boswell, Jennifer Ware, Tyler Sasser, Cheyenne Flowers, Martha Graham, Sheila Bass, Barbara Dennis, Frances Bryan, Julene Phillips, Douglas Armstrong, Belinda Nelson, Ruth Mack, Janet Westberry, Derrick Hill, Lola Thomas, Brenna Nelson, George Bryan, Asia Lane, and Bonnie Allen.

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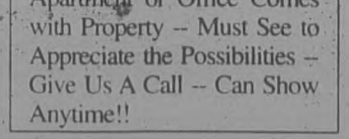
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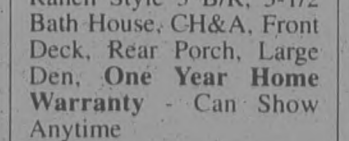
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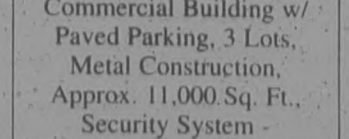
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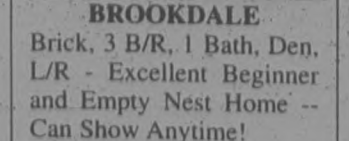
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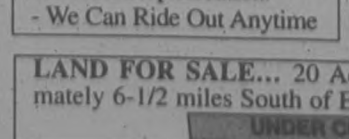
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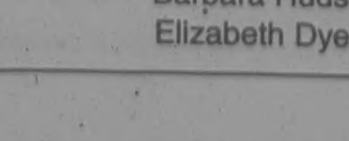
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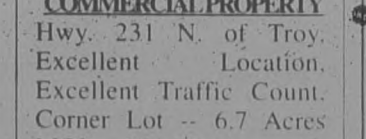
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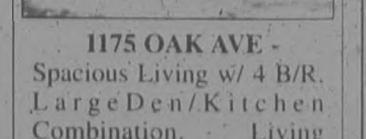
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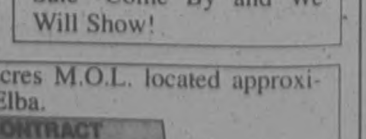
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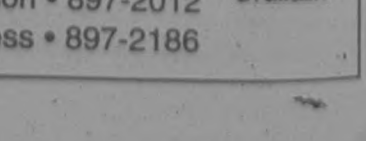
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Cox,
The Chamber of Commerce is in the midst of preparations for the 55th Miss Elba Pageant. This year's event will be held Saturday, March 24, at 6 p.m.

Last year, the former Misses began contributing towards a scholarship fund to be awarded to the outgoing queen as she relinquishes her crown. In trying to locate all former queens, some have been hard to find. I am writing this letter as an attempt to locate several of our former Misses. We would love to have all former Misses attend the pageant to be recognized. Anyone with any information that might help me locate these ladies would be greatly appreciated. I can be reached by phone 334-897-5496, or my e-mail address is emadd@alaweb.com.

The names of last Misses and year of reign are as follows: 1948 - Theresa Rhoades, 1949 - Gloria Whitley, 1950 - Myrtle Wilson, 1951 - Sue Jackson, 1952 - Patsy Spurlin, 1953 - Pat Crawley, and 1954 - Cindy Coon.

Thank you for allowing me this avenue to get the word out. I am writing this letter to call America's attention to a couple of issues concerning the well being of all the people throughout the U.S. One, abortion should not be legal. Two, prayer should not be illegal. In our pledge of allegiance to the flag the part that I really love is "one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all." This is the foundation that our nation is built on; therefore, I urge everyone everywhere to please let their voices be heard concerning these two issues.

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Pam Williams Maddaloni
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You guess it, I am a Christian. I know abortion does not please God, our creator. Disobedience brings serious consequences when ignored by those of us who know better. Corrections of past mistakes bring great favor from God, our creator. Everyone should be allowed to take part in making this type decision because it does affect all of us. Then we will be able to say with great pride, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, to the republic for which it stands one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

Yes, justice for all this includes our unborn babies and our impregnable youth, and those whom educate our children.

Sincerely yours,
Betty J. Mullins

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CECIL CALDWELL SR.

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Mr. Caldwell was preceded in death by a son, Rex Caldwell. Survivors include his wife, Clara Mae Caldwell, three sons: Cecil Jr. (Joy), Phoenix, Ariz.; Steven (Cheryl), Auburn, Stanley, N.C.; and one daughter, Gloria J. Hyllon, Enterprise, Georgia. He was also survived by two brothers: Wilbert, Zedie (Jose), Bobby, A. Dolf (Peasden) Caldwell, all of Elba, James (Betty) Caldwell, Hartford, two sisters: Catherine (Richard) Neal, Enterprise, Leona (Charles) Brown, St. Petersburg, Fla., and 11 grandchildren.

COMER MARION BROOKS
Mr. Comer Marion Brooks, age 82, son of 1554 Larkin Road, Elba, Ala., died Feb. 14, 2001 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Feb. 16, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Homer Moore officiating. Burial followed in the Haw Hill Church Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three sons: Ray Brooks and Ralph Brooks, both of Elba, Comer "Junior" M. Brooks, Smith, Ala.; four daughters: Mary, Elba, Ala.; and one daughter, Mary, Elba, Ala.

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We are so thankful to each of you for your many acts of kindness, your prayers, your expressions of concern, your cards, your telephone calls, and your love. You have offered such comfort to us during this most difficult time. Your kindness will forever be remembered and we are eternally thankful to each of you. Thank you for caring about us. Please continue your prayers for the difficult days ahead and it is our prayer that God will richly bless you.

JOHNIE MAE TOLVER FAMILY
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More Happenings

The MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will have a mandatory meeting for its members on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m. at the Tribal Office, 102 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton. Items to be discussed include: scholarships, housing repair grants, assistance with medication for qualifying tribal members, plans for dedication plaque and details on business grants for individual tribal members.

The MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the Coffee County Farm Center for members to apply for business grants and some very low interest loans.

There will be a Benefit Singing at College Street.

Assembly of God Church in Enterprise, AL, on February 24 at 7:00 p.m. The proceeds will be used to roof a church in Mexico. Groups, Trios and individuals will be singing. The church is located at 1506 West College Street, Enterprise, AL. Anyone wishing to make a donation for the cause may send it to College Street Assembly of God Church, P.O. Box 310688, Enterprise, AL 36331.

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AREA DEATHS

SHEILA ANN PETTY
Mrs. Sheila Ann Petty, age 34, of Opp, Ala. (formerly of Elba), died Feb. 8, 2001 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Alfred Ikner officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Charles Steven Petty, Opp; one son: Charles Brandon Petty, Opp; one daughter: Anna Marie Petty, Opp; her parents: Charles Doyle and Annie Mae Johnson, Elba; two brothers: Jeff Johnson and Joe Johnson, both of Elba; and one sister: Wanda Johnson, Elba.

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MARTHA FRANCES BRUNSON
Mrs. Martha Frances Brunson, age 58, of 145 Riverview Drive, Elba, Ala., died Feb. 14, 2001 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Feb. 17, 2001 at New Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elba with Dr. Tony Dye, Min. Greg Hanchey and Rev. Bobby Carley officiating. Burial followed in the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Billy Joe Brunson, Elba; one son: Harland Gene "Hal" Brunson, Lakeland, Fla.; two grandsons: Adam Brunson and Mark Brunson, both of Elba; one granddaughter: Laura Frances Brunson, Lakeland, Fla.; one brother: Joe Frank Donaldson, Opp; and one sister: Catherine, Winola Jones, Enterprise.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Paul and Elizabeth Holt, Naperville, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law: Sandra and David Kavanay, McComb, Miss.; two brothers: Kenneth Jordan, Lakeland, Fla.; Jerry Jordan, Polk City, Fla.; two sisters: Macie Green, Columbus, Ga.; Patricia Hastings, Lacy, Wash.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Brunson Family Card of Thanks
Words cannot express our heartfelt appreciation for all the love shown to our family during the recent illness and death of our wife, mother and grandmother, FRANCES BRUNSON. All the cards, visits, food, and prayers were truly appreciated.

CHURCH NEWS



LAVERNE AND EDITH TRIPP WILL BE IN CON-CERT at First Assembly of God Church in Elba on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 10:30 a.m. only. For more information on this concert, call 897-6626 or 897-6764. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Linda Rice to be in concert at Elba United Methodist Church, Thursday, February 22

Linda Rice will be in concert at Elba United Methodist Church on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m.

Linda is the only female Gospel harpist in the world with a full-time touring schedule. She and her French Cameroonian husband, Jean, have been touring for over 20 years.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church plans Gospel Sing

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a gospel singing on Saturday, February 24, 2001, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the church building at 114 S. 1st St. The Denham Family, from Millbrook, Alabama, Pastor Roy Turner and the congregation will be singing.

Coffee County Red Cross offering Adult CPR and First Aid Course February 24

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer an Adult CPR and First Aid course on Feb. 24 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center. The cost will be \$25. The 6-hour course trains individuals to recognize and care for victims of illness and sudden injuries and to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults. Upon successful completion, students will receive a First Aid Basics certificate valid for 3 years and an Adult CPR certificate valid for one year. Early registration is required. To register, call 347-2461 or e-mail cccr@snohill.com. Leave a name and number for contact.

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	EASON BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. David Strickland, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. David Strickland, Pastor Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Rev. J. E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Afternoon: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Eddie Phillips-Copes, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Tue. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.	BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Derry G. Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class: 11:30 a.m.	BILLY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Elliott Smith, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.	BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Benoit Abbott, Pastor Church Service: 9:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9:30 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays: 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays: 11:00 a.m.	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays: 12:00 noon	DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. William Frank, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Dorcas Hester, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting: Wed., 7:00 p.m.
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Scripture: Job 1:21-24

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Judy Mims, Jason Guley, Meko Jones, Opis Johnson, Della Magwood, Rev. E. Magwood, Rev. J. Parks, Beulah Horstead, John and Addie Burnett, W. H. Caldwell, Robert Belcher Jr., Gussie Cornelius

***Family and Friends Day (Let Us Celebrate Our African Heritage) was held Feb. 18 at 12 Noon at Legrand Community Church in Legrand, Ala. Rev. Joyce Belcher Johnson, assistant pastor at Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Leighton, Ala., was the guest speaker. Those attending this celebration were: Alan Belcher, Ernestine Kelley, Melissa, Tony, Marcus, Jana, Tyrone, and Curtis, Kimberly Russell, Myron Duncan, Maria Brandon, Brandy, Tiffany and Lydia, Evelyn Manning, Mason Guley, Tonya Smith, Bettye Reffegge, Shirley Coleman, Connie Moody, all of Elba; Timothy Bernard, Wiley Brooks, Juanita, DeNard and Ree Nita, all of Enterprise; Debra Connell, Coffee Springs; Minister Robert Edwards; Minister Chuck Stoumdemire, Opp; D.J. Belcher, Montgomery; and Ena Belcher, Elba.

Elba will be Sunday, Feb. 25, at 3 p.m. The guest minister will be Jimmie Chambers, Elam Baptist Church in Clayton, This is sponsored by the Youth Department of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church.

***Black History Program of Mt. Zion First Baptist Church in Brantley will be Saturday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. J.D. Barber. Dress is casual.

***Black History Program of Rocky Head M.B. Church of Elba will be Saturday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bro. Mike Crittenden. This program is sponsored by the Pastor's Aid Department. The RHMBC Family.

***The Dedication and Grand Opening of Mulberry High School will be Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m. at Mulberry Heights High School in Elba. Dedication sermon will be given by Rev. Morris Montgomery, Ala.

***103rd Church Anniversary of the Mt. Zion First Baptist Church in Brantley will be Sunday, March 4, at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor J.D. Abner, pastor of the St. Mark, Missionary Baptist Church in Glenwood.

***Thought for the Day: Fight Truth Decay. Study the Bible Daily.

***Black History Program of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church of Elba.

BlankPrayer meetings planned at Christ The King Lutheran Church

BlankPrayer meetings will continue Thursday, February 22, at Christ The King Lutheran Church, 208 E. Watts Street, Enterprise, in preparation for the 25th anniversary of the Southeast Alabama Regional Crusade March 18-21. If you would like to come together with other believers from your community to pray for the needs of the community and pray for the effectiveness of the Crusade, please join us for one or all of the prayer meetings. For more information on the prayer emphasis for the Crusade, contact Danny Wiggins at 347-6082.

Prayer Meetings: Thursday, February 22, Christ The King Lutheran, Enterprise 7pm.

Monday, February 26, First Assembly of God, Enterprise 7pm.

Thursday, March 1, First Korean Baptist, Enterprise 7pm.

Glenwood Assembly to host Gospel Singing, February 24

A Gospel Singing is planned for Sunday, February 24, at the Glenwood Assembly of God Church, in Glenwood. The featured singing group will be Calvary, from Brantley. Everyone is invited to attend.

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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Dennis Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH John Freeman, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Mary Seaves Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH J. C. Turner, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Leland Flowers, Minister Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays: 11:30 a.m.	LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Haecher, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles & Jones, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Bobby Driver, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m.	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	MT. ZION HOLINESS Jimmie Bryan, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	NEW BENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Walter Faulk, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Larry Wise, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	SHADY GROVE A.M.E. Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Alfred Hays, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Jimmy Maddox, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH Nathan Johnson, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
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The mirror difference

Not long after I got up this morning, I looked in the bathroom mirror and it wasn't pretty. My hair had exploded during the night and there were whiskers that needed shaving. To put it mildly, there were several repairs that needed to be made. Maybe you have the same kind of experience when you look in the mirror in the morning. Ask yourself, "How in the world could six hours do so much damage?" Usually what you see in the mirror involves more than just information - "Oh man! Look at that skin! Look at that hair!" No, what we see is a need for transformation! We see what we really look like and go to work on it!

When God talks about His Word, He uses some interesting analogies. It's a lamp, it's a washing, it's a hammer and it's a mirror! God's Word is suppose to have the same effect on our lives that a mirror has on our appearance!

Here's how God describes it in James 1:22 and the verses that follow in God's Word: "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks into the perfect law that gives freedom, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it - he will be blessed in what he does."

That's a great picture! One man looks in the mirror, sees the work that needs to be done, and says, "Hm - what do you know" and walks away looking the same. The other man sees what needs to be done and goes to work on it! So it is with each of us as we open our Bible and read what God has to say there. We're suppose to read, not just for information, but for transformation!

It isn't just about you reading the Bible, it's about you letting the Bible read YOU! Until you've done that each day, you have missed the point of reading the Bible in the first place. It's not just about your Christian duty. Why look in the mirror if you're not going to change anything? Why look in the Bible if you're not going to change anything? Some people are working on a "Read Through the Bible" program and that is a great exercise, but remember, it's not about how much you read - it's about how much you obey!

There is nothing more vital to your following Christ than getting personal direction from Him each day through His Word. You may be reading the Bible, but are you letting the Bible read you? Before you ask God, the Author of what you're about to read, to take His Word, and help you apply them to something specific that you know you're going to face today. Those verses in James talk about "not forgetting" what you discovered. So in order to do that keep a Jesus-journal where you write what you're going to do differently today because of what you read. Remember, He said to do what it says, otherwise you are deceiving yourselves.

This is the road to spiritual consistency, to steady growth, and to experiencing the reality of Jesus every day. Look in God's spiritual mirror every morning and do something about what God shows you in that mirror. If you do, I'll guarantee you, you are going to be looking better all the time!

Southeast Alabama Regional Crusade Prayer Breakfasts to be held March 3 & 10

Upcoming Southeast Alabama Regional Crusade Prayer Breakfasts: Ladies' Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, March 3, 9:30am, at Po Folks, Enterprise, cost: \$5.00. Men's Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, March 10, 8am, at First Baptist Church, Enterprise, cost: donation. Reservations requested for the Crusade, March 18-21.

Please contact Danny Wiggins at 347-6082 to register or to receive further information. Members of participating churches may sign up through your church. These events are open to all as our community continues to prepare for the Crusade, March 18-21.

LIFESTYLES



Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Cobb celebrate 50th wedding anniversary, February 10th

A host of friends and family members, crowded into the Grand Ball Room of the historic Rawls Hotel in downtown Enterprise on Saturday, February 10th, to honor Bernie and Janet Cobb, New Brockton, on their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Golden Anniversary reception was planned by the couple's daughter, Mrs. Lynn Bill, and oldest grandson, Bryan Haines, both of Milledgeville, GA.

The "surprise" event was a carefully held secret from Mrs. Cobb who was visibly stunned as she entered the ballroom and saw her daughter, grandchildren and her brother and his family, all coming from Georgia to celebrate the Cobbs.

Following a sitdown buffet, a toast to the honorees was made by another surprise visitor, Mr. Chris Christina, who came all the way from his home in Oregon for the occasion. Christina was a roommate with Cobb at Officer Candidate School in Riley, Kansas, and best man at the wedding exactly 50 years ago to the day.

Mrs. Bill also toasted her parents with an emotional expression of her love and devotion.

Mr. Cobb presented his bride of 50 years with a family ring, adorned with a precious gem for each member of the family. He also presented Mrs. Cobb with an "open-ended gift certificate" for a Home Improvement project.

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The musical "They're Playing Our Song" to be presented by The Coffee County Arts Alliance

The Coffee County Arts Alliance, Drs. Dan and Sam Sawyer and Dr. Sherry Rouch present "They're Playing Our Song," a play starring Erin Moran, Joanie Cunningham from TV's "Happy Days," on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Enterprise High School auditorium. This performance is made possible by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"They're Playing Our Song," is based on a book by Neil Simon, music by Marvin Hamlisch, and lyrics by Carol Bayer Sager. This musical comedy is about a witty, intelligent and off-beat lyricist of contemporary pop songs, Sonia Walsh (Erin Moran), and a wise-cracking, neurotic, award-winning composer, Vernon - Gersch (James A. Walsh).

"They're Playing Our Song" is a richly funny and romantic story about a couple who make beautiful music together, but have a difficult time making their lives as harmonious as their songs. A few of the songs include, "I Still Believe in Love," "Workin' It Out," "They're Playing Our Song," and "Just for Tonight."

Advanced tickets are \$14 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$16 for adults and \$12 for students. Tickets are available at the following outlets: The Jewel Box in Elba; West Gate Book & Gift, The Framery and Plain 'n' Fancy Gift Shop, all in Enterprise; Northcutt's On Main in Dothan; and EIR (Soldier Service Center) in Ft. Rucker.

For more information on upcoming performances and season tickets, contact Sylvia McDermott, ticket sales, at 347-4646, or Ginny Canon, publicity, at 393-2797.

Family Finders Training to begin February 27

Anyone interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents for Coffee County is invited to attend training in Enterprise on Tuesday, Feb. 27. This training is required by the Department of Human Resources. For more information, contact Family Finders at (334) 897-6081 or toll free 1-888-929-FIND.

SAR seeking paperback book donations forVA hospital patient use

Paperback books are being sought by a local patriotic organization for delivery to area VA hospitals and veterans homes.

John R. Wallace, president, Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, said members have donated 500 books to date as well as 67 magazines and journals.

The donations have been to the VA hospital in Montgomery, the William Green State Veterans Home in Bay Minette and the Bill Nichols State Veterans Home in Alexander, City, Wallace said.

"Sought most are Western novels and stories," he said. "However, all publications in good condition are acceptable."

Area residents who would like to donate books for delivery by the SAR may phone Wallace at 347-6611 or John Ray Fuller at 347-4213.

Local senior citizens attend conference at MacArthur Tech

On Wednesday, February 7, 2001, MacArthur State Technical College welcomed local senior citizens from New Hope and New Brockton on campus for the Senior Citizen Living Healthy Satellite Conference Series. The program, entitled, "Nutrition and Exercise Go Hand-in-Hand," was the final program of a five-part series designed especially for senior citizens.

The program was presented by Barbara Struempfer, Ph.D., Extension Nutritionist, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn, Alabama and Rob Keith, Ph.D., Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. The presenters discussed with the senior citizens how to turn back the clock with simple, basic facts about nutrition and exercise. Nutrition changes that healthy older persons should be aware of were discussed. Various types of antioxidants, such as vitamin C and beta-carotene, and how they work were presented. Information on using food and supplements as sources of antioxidants was explained. In addition, ways to maintain and enhance physical performance during aging were also highlighted.

In the months to come, MacArthur State Technical College will offer other programs of interest to seniors. For additional information, contact the Workforce Development and Continuing Education Department at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.



JOE AND MARTHA GUERRERO celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday, February 10, 2001 at their home in Elba with family members and friends.

Special guests were their daughter and son-in-law Penny and Zed Cherris, Salt Lake City, Utah; their son - Joe Guerrero, from Eastern Shore, Maryland; Greg and Elaine Snyder, Montgomery, AL; and approximately 50 friends attended.

Anna Yoo Concert to be held at ESJC

An evening spent with Anna Yoo on March 1, 2001, will be a night to remember as Miss Yoo, a 15-year old exceptionally promising violinist, will be performing a program of well-known works by composers Handel, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Elgar at the Enterprise State Junior College. The performance will be in Room 110 of the Fine Arts Auditorium at 7:30 PM. Miss Yoo began playing the violin at the age of 10 and won first place in The National Young Artists Competition in Korea two years later.

She moved to Enterprise with her family last year in order to further her studies of the violin. Anna is a student of Mr. Yusuke Kawasaki, concertmaster of the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Kawasaki is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music. While at Juilliard, Mr. Kawasaki assisted the famous violin teacher Dorothy Delay and served as concertmaster of the Juilliard Orchestra and the Juilliard Symphony. Anna is recognized as a rising star with potential for greatness. She is a member of the Tri-State Community Orchestra in Dothan and is a 9th grader at Dauphin Junior High School.

Dr. Jean Bynum, a full-time faculty member at Enterprise State Junior College in the Division of Fine Arts where she teaches Music Theory, Music Appreciation, piano and organ, will accompany Miss Yoo on the piano. Dr. Bynum received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance in 1996 from the University of Alabama. She is an active musician in her home church in Enterprise. The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, and in the community. She is a member of the professional trio ensemble, "Con Brio," which maintains a busy concert schedule throughout the area.

This concert will inspire, enlighten, and capture the spirit found in the great music of the masters. Admission to the concert is free.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Valentines Day can get pretty expensive for a Dad with a wife and two daughters, and that was the case again last Wednesday as I shopped around in an attempt to keep the three ladies at my house happy. Mom was more than satisfied with a book, a balloon, a box of candy and a flower, while the girls both got a flower, balloon, stuffed animal and a small present. I must be getting soft hearted in my old age, or must have been in trouble, because that sounds like a lot of goodies for my bunch!

DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

*** The Elba Lady Tigers saw their dreams of making an appearance at this week's regional tournament end last week with losses to Calhoun and Montgomery Academy. The Lady Tigers led both games late in the fourth quarter, but saw Calhoun hit two three-pointers that turned the game around, and then saw Montgomery Academy rally at the free-throw line to pull out a last-second win in the sub-region finals. This marked the second straight year Elba's girls had made it to the sub-region finals and had been turned away, but with four of the Lady Tigers' five starters returning, next season could be the year the Lady Tigers kick in the door and make the trip to Troy State. Elba's 21-6 record is the best ever in girls basketball at Elba High, and all the girls and Coach Carley are to be commended for their many hours of hard work. It was quite a ride!

*** Elba's Roshanda McKinnon has been named one of the three finalists for "player of the year" honors in 3A this season by the Alabama Sports Writers Association, and the Lady Tiger standout is certainly deserving. McKinnon began her basketball career many years ago playing in the boys leagues over at Ft. Rucker, and as she grew older her skills improved and by this, her senior season, had earned into one of the area's top players.

*** The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks also fell one win short of earning a trip to Troy State, but the Lady Gamecocks are blessed with plenty of talent and should be right back in the hunt next season. Rena Donaldson hit three three-pointers in the third quarter Thursday night in New Brockton's loss to Geneva County to rally her team, and late in the season became one of the area's top three-point threats. When you add Donaldson's new-found skills with that of Kendra Cole, it should mean that next season the Lady Gamecocks will have a deadly 1-2 combination.

*** The winner and runner up teams in two of the state's area basketball tournaments had to be determined off the court last week due to the use of an ineligible player and a game-ending brawl. The game between Anniston and Talladega was stopped with 5:47 left in the fourth quarter when a fight broke out, and state officials ruled that the final score would stand, and Anniston would be named the area champ. The finals of the Class 3A, Area 12 tournament was not even played due to claims of ineligible players. Glencoe had defeated Piedmont and Litchfield had beaten Hokes Bluff to reach the tournament finals, but it was learned that Litchfield had used an ineligible player and had to forfeit its win over Hokes Bluff. It was later learned that Hokes Bluff had also used an ineligible player. So, it forfeited its game, and the state declared Glencoe the area winner and Piedmont the runner up.

*** The Southeast Regionals are set for this week up at Troy State and there are quite a few games that will be 1 officiated games during the season involving (Boys) Samson, Barbour County, and Pleasant Home, and plan to see all three in action, while I also called games involving (Girls) Geneva County and Pleasant Home, and would like to catch them at Troy State. A trip down to Mobile is out of the question, but I am also interested in area teams such as Goshen and Andalusia that are playing in the Southwest Regional. It seems a little strange that Goshen would play in Mobile instead of making the short trip over to Troy, but that's the way the AHSAA helps the teams get back on travel.

*** Troy State is continuing to work on its football schedule for next season, and I will admit that the Trojans will face one of the toughest schedules in the South. The Trojans' schedule already includes Nebraska, Middle Tennessee State, Miami, Mississippi State, Cal State Northridge, Southern Utah, Maryland, Louisiana State, and Jacksonville State, while other teams being mentioned include Air Force, Clemson and Oregon State. The folks up at Troy State better make certain they make some money, because the wins will be few and far between.

*** It was like a reunion of sorts last week on my trip up to Montgomery to watch the Lady Tigers in the sub-region at Montgomery Academy. When I walked into the gym the first person to greet me was Coach John Tatum, the head football coach at Montgomery Academy, and a friend that married a girl from Goodman and now owns a farm in the Goodman Community. Later up walked Ken Dyess, a 55 Elba High grad that has been teaching at the Montgomery school for over 30 years, and a little later came the former Rhonda Wise, a Montgomery Academy parent at the game with her husband and son. I didn't get Rhonda's married name, but she was just as friendly and pretty as she was back in the early 70's while a majorette at Elba High. I know the other Elba fans in attendance wondered how I knew so many folks from Montgomery Academy, and I guess my answer is that it really is a small world.

*** In closing...the various Elba All-Star teams will hit the court the first weekend in March in tournament action, and when the tournaments wind down, it will be time for the boys and girls to get out their gloves for baseball and softball. It looks like another busy spring and summer ahead for the youth of Elba and the surrounding area, and you Moms and Dads had better get ready for many hours at the park.

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Free-throws lift Montgomery Academy

Lady Tigers fall in sub-region 47-44

The Class 3A, Sub-Region 3 battle between the Elba Lady Tigers and the Montgomery Academy Lady Eagles came down to a free-throw shooting contest last Thursday night in Montgomery, and while the Lady Eagles hit 7 of 8 free-throws over a 1:07 span late in the fourth quarter, the Lady Tigers missed on all six free-throw opportunities over the same period of time, and watched as Montgomery Academy pulled ahead late to claim an exciting 47-44 win.

The loss left Elba with a final record of 21-6, while Montgomery Academy upped its record to 19-5 with the win and earned a berth in this week's Southeast Region Tournament, at Troy State.

Elba came out ice cold from the floor in the opening stanza and trailed 8-1 with 4:26 left in the quarter after a short jumper by the Lady Eagles' Walton Upchurch. The Lady Tigers' Rachel Bludworth scored from inside with 3:21 left to cut the deficit to 8-3, but it was the only bucket Elba would manage over the opening eight minutes, as the Lady Tigers hit only 1 of 16 shots in the opening stanza and trailed 12-3 after one quarter of play.

Rachel Bludworth and Ayonna Proctor scored quick baskets in the second quarter as Elba chopped the Montgomery Academy lead to 12-7. However, the Lady Eagles regained command midway through the quarter and rode the shooting touch of Evelyn Smith from the corner to open up an 18-9 lead with 5:28 left in the half. Roshanda McKinnon sparked a 6-0 Elba run late in the period as the Lady Tigers pulled within 18-15 with 2:46 remaining, but the Lady Eagles responded with a 7-0 run of their own to open up a 25-15 lead late in the half, and went in at intermission with a 25-17 advantage.

The Lady Tigers opened the third quarter with a 6-2 run and pulled within 27-23 with 5:31 left on a short jumper by Roshanda McKinnon, only to see Montgomery Academy lead answer the challenge and regain command by taking a 31-23 lead with 3:22 remaining on a basket from the corner by Evelyn Smith. A three-pointer by Elba's Rachel Bludworth with 2:17 left in the clock cut the Lady Eagles' lead to 33-28, but Montgomery Academy never lost control and carried a 35-29 lead into the

fourth quarter. The Lady Tigers missed on two free-throws over the opening three quarters and missed both shots, but hit 8 of 14 free-throws in the final stanza, including 7 of 8 over a 5:59 span that gave the Lady Eagles the lead for good.

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Elba picked up its intensity on defense to open the final stanza and took advantage of Lady Eagles turnovers to pull within 38-36 on a basket by Roshanda McKinnon with 5:12 remaining in the game. Rachel Bludworth pulled Elba even at 38-38 with 4:49 left, and the Lady Tigers then took their first lead of the game at 41-38 with 4:05 remaining when Kern Lawford capped Elba's 12-3 fourth quarter rally by hitting a long three-pointer.

Lagina Mack hit the second of two free-throws, with 1:48 remaining to put the Lady Tigers on top 42-40, but the game turned into a free-throw shooting contest from the 1:35 mark to the 28 mark of the quarter, and while Montgomery Academy hit 7 of its 8 free-throws, the Lady Tigers misfired on all six of their free-throw opportunities, as the Lady Eagles pulled ahead 47-42 with 28 left in the game.

Elba's Roshanda McKinnon scored on a put back with 25 left to pull the Lady Tigers within 47-44, and Montgomery Academy finally missed from the foul line with 19 remaining as Elba called time out to set up a final three-point shot in an attempt to tie the score and send the game into overtime. The Lady Tigers got off two three-pointers in the closing seconds, but neither found its target, as Elba saw its late rally fall short in a 47-44 loss to the Lady Eagles.

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Elba Lady Tiger freshman Ayonna Proctor (in black) takes a late three-point shot in an attempt to rally Elba in their sub-region loss to Montgomery Academy. The Lady Tigers closed out the season with a 21-6 record.

Elba Lady Tigers fall to Calhoun in area tourney finals 41-37

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their hopes of winning the Class 3A, Area 12 tournament vanish under a fourth quarter rally last Monday night as the Calhoun Lady Tigers rallied to claim the championship with a wild 41-37 win in Elba.

The loss dropped the Lady Tigers' record to 21-5, while Calhoun improved its record to 16-12 with the win.

Neither team could find the basket early in the opening stanza as Calhoun crept out to a 4-2 lead with 2:48 left in the quarter, but Elba did begin to find its range late in the quarter, and led by the play of Lagina Mack pulled ahead 9-6 by the end of the period. The Lady Tigers moved on top 13-6 midway through the second quarter on a short jumper by Rachel Bludworth, and went in at intermission with a 16-10 advantage.

The Lady Tigers continued to maintain their advantage in the third quarter and owned a 21-16 lead with 3:15 remaining, only to see Calhoun begin its rally late in the stanza and pull within 23-21 by the end of the third quarter. Elba found itself in a battle over the final eight minutes, but led 32-31 with 3:22 on the clock, only to see Calhoun nail two straight three-pointers from deep in the corner to take a 37-32 advantage, and the Lady Tigers never recovered as Calhoun held on late to post the 41-37 win.

Lagina Mack scored 12 points to lead Elba while Spinn led Calhoun with 15 points.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Masonic Lodge #170 crowns 2001 Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart queens



BABY MISS...Winners in the Baby Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Keltzie RaeAnn Harrison of New Brockton; 1st Runner Up - Loryn Marie Paylor of Opp; and Winner - Grace Lee of Enterprise.



TINY MISS...Winners in the Tiny Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Shelby Nicole Mock of New Brockton; 1st Runner Up - Taylor Renee Stanton of Elba; and Winner - Savannah Lauren Kyser of Enterprise.



TOT MISS...Winners in the Tot Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Grayson Nicole Sanders of Enterprise; 1st Runner Up - Kelli Leigh Grant of Glenwood; and Winner - Hannah Elizabeth Powell of Brundidge.



LITTLE MISS...Winners in the Little Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Heather Nicole Blietz of Glenwood; 1st Runner Up - Jacy Danville Kelley of Brantley; and Winner - Lindsay Megan McClung of Elba.



MINI MISS...Winners in the Mini Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Brittany Elizabeth Whitehead of New Brockton; 1st Runner Up - Debra K. Beck of Jack; 1st Runner Up - Haylee LaMae Jones of Opp; and Winner - Summer Suzanne Parker of Elba.



JUNIOR MISS...Winners in the Junior Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Brittany Michaela Schofield of Opp and Lauren Alexis McClung of Elba; 1st Runner Up - Whitney Parker Jackson of Kinross; and Winner - Haley Moore of Opp.

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Discipline versus punishment

by Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

Do you know the difference between disciplining and punishing your child? And what's the best way to teach your child self-discipline?

Remember that in the long run discipline should help your child learn to take responsibility for his own behavior. While a child is learning self-control, he must be protected from hurting himself and other people. And, you must show him how to behave in appropriate ways.

Several techniques can stop misbehaviors and encourage self-discipline. They include letting your child make some decisions for himself; giving reasons for your rules; taking the child away from trouble; redirecting the child's activities when he behaves wrong; and letting the child learn from the results of his misbehavior.

You can punish the child with a "time out" or by taking away privileges. But, remember that punishment can lose its effectiveness and may even have bad side effects if it's used too often. It sometimes makes the child forget who he was punished in the first place.



MISS TRI-COUNTY VALENTINE SWEETHEART...Winners in the Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Kallie Michelle Smith of Andalusia; 1st Runner Up - Emily A. Smith of New Brockton; and Winner - Carey Lauren Holloway of Elba.

Little Known Fact...

The NBC movie, "The Princess and The Marine," which aired on the network on Sunday, Feb. 18, has an Elba connection. Elba attorney's Al Smith and Will Carr represented the Bahrain princess during her initial immigration hearing.

According to Carr, family ties are what brought the princess to the local law firm. Smith's son is married to a lady from the same area of the Middle East as the princess, and the two ladies knew one another. The "princess and the marine" (Miriam and Jason Johnson) contacted Smith's son and his wife about someone to represent Miriam during her initial immigration hearing. At that point, Smith's son contacted him and the law firm agreed to take on the case.

Carr said the firm represented Miriam during the initial immigration process which included having the venue moved from Chicago to the INS court in San Diego.

"Our interest was to protect her through the immigration process," he said.

Miriam has filed for asylum, and the final outcome of the case is still pending.

Smith and Carr are no longer involved with the case, but Carr said he was interested in seeing last Sunday's movie on NBC to "see how close they would get to the real story."

"For me, it was exciting to watch the movie and know that this high profile case has a connection to our small town here in Southeast Alabama," said Dawn DeVane, legal secretary for Smith and Carr. "I think that says a great deal about the people here and the quality of work we provide."

Elba Chamber of Commerce - Team Clean Up Day

Saturday, Feb. 24

9 a.m. at the Courthouse

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